Address Dr. G. E. 40 South 5th Str. St Louis Mo

St Louis March 26 1866

Dr Engelmann

Dear Doctor

Thanks for your pleasant note of March 19th. That 8th of January was remarkable on acct of the unusually high stage of the Barometer. I have in 30 years not seen it so high. And the rise occurred at the same time all over the U.S. about 9 a.m. But the intense cold prevailed only eastward, not here.

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What was that "Hooped Cannon Speech" of Gray's? I have only a faint recollection of it — Where held, where published? O no, it would not do to poke anyone, least of all our friend Gray, where he might have been really ridiculous.

I shall publish a Jurassic paper in our Transactions, & new and imperfectly known species only.

Why do you not send your Junior along

to have them done up in the most approved style? And your Nephews?

A coloured figure of the latter I have not give because the dry specimen does not afford the necessary information nor are your notes full enough.

Gen'l Pope is going to make a tour through the western parts of his district as far as Colorado & Montana if not also to Utah — and offers to a naturalist free travel, rations etc and will expect no other return than the "honor" of furthering science. — What say you? Or go to Europe?

I intend publishing a Herb Americanum normale, if I can get help enough. Could you assist with one or two species, and with which?

I hope you will stumble on some new Juncus as did Mr C E Smith of Philadelphia last year, in wading in a swamp on the Mtns of Pennsylvania, while waiting for a Rail Road train and picking a new species! — He is a R.R. President and zealous botanist. He has just turned up — at least in my horizon.

Fendler is back here and Horace Mann jun has his place as Curator at Cambridge. —

Thanks for your invitation. If the Cholera do not come here, I do not know that I ought not do next season. I am threatening to leave St Louis at least for a month.

Very truly yours

J. Engelmann

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Dear Parry

a week ago I got your of March 26. Gen'l Pope, I learn had left here for Cincinnati, but through the friend who communicated his offer, I send him word of your readiness to accompany him under certain conditions. No answer has yet been received. Whether Gen'l Pope is now more reliable than he used to be when a young lieutenant I do not know — but "entre nous" they say that then he had the sobriquet "Lying Pope" — We will see. A very good and scientifically disposed man Col Meline of his staff will accompany him —

Any of those Abiss Eagle yet living?

I hear nothing of Gray.

When Jones will soon see the light of day, when I will shake off the matter thing altogether

Yours truly

J. Engelmann

The bridge, race — train.

over

Hall sent the other day quite a lot of living Rocky Mtn plants, raised by him — most of them I gave to Shaw. Some few things, and showy Pentstemons.

Are you unredeemed black yet in Davenport? I see that your neighbor city Rock Island begins to see the error of its ways, and voted Democratic.

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St Louis May 9 1866

Dear Prof Parry,

I do not know, how I came to address you as Professor, — but I hasten to scratch it out again! Gen Pope has just returned and is preparing for his trip — but there is no chance for you. I am sorry that I had been led away to offer you a situation, which is not vacant or rather not existing; I do not know whether Genl Pope himself humbugged others or whether the mediators, the gos between, humbugged me! Genl Pope says now to the same person and through him to me and through me to you, that he has no authority to employ any one or furnish transportation etc etc; and more over, that he will be travelling so fast 30 miles a day, that there will be little chance for a naturalist to do any thing. So we, and you especially must try to ease down. He will leave here about the 20th

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Your letter of April 19 came in due time.

About that Rail Road survey? Why, you astonish me! Of course, we are right and they wrong! — You recollect how on a small distance Survey & Barom. in the Mountains agreed; also, how well other barometrical measurements and your different ones of different years agreed; moreover levelling for many hundred miles is much more liable to error than the Barometer.

For the choice of North of Platte, Omaha and Council Bluffs I should judge that first Reig is pretty correctly given as 579 feet above the Mississippi at St Louis. I would have judged it something like 600 feet; and this result as to Denver would be about 550 feet short!

Probably too late now for Miss Eagle.

Yes I am radical in Politics too, not only in Botany; but I understand something else under that word, than those wordy screamers. I hope their Radicalism will die out in Iowa as well as in Missouri; we have had a good beginning in Illinois.

Anything about that Southern Collection of Plants, you spoke of last fall? Where is it? Whose was it?

What your plans?

Write soon again.

I am putting my Journal and will soon be through. Should like to see you as soon as out.

Yours ever

G. Engelmann.

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Dr Engelmann

St Louis 22 June 1866

My dear Parry

I have so many letters to acknowledge that I have deferred beginning for an indefinite length of time. I must at last write, for I want you to collect also some species of pinus for the Hub nursery — whatever it may be — even J. effusus if you can not do better — or J. rudiuscula. 100 good complete specimens in flower, and fruiting cones or pericles to show capsule & seed.

It is a shame that you have not sent me your pines.

Mr Lapham received a few days ago 8 fine J. palmeri (Coult) from you collected at St Peter's — a new locality for me — the most western one.

I am just done with J. Cancellata and have only to complete the California Conifers — & then I shall be ready for some other peak — as you call it — or leap — probably back into the pines.

Looking at an old letter of yours, I find that you speak of Gray's debouts — your 18th plants — has he done it

Yet living hunter
& a good one

Mr Hall & from Hall & Harvard

You also spoke of a worthy age of ~~botanical~~ botanical observations which you would send me. — Where are they?

You do get up a paper on the explorers of the Rocky Mt. Botany — historical — critical etc — I see that Brewer wants to do the same in regard to California Botany. Do it — it will be fine for our Transactions. I will assist you with data as much as I can.

The German explorers except Geyer 1843 and Boeckh of Neuwied also collected a few plants in the upper Missouri region, not in the Mountains.

I understand your indignation about Pope's tactics — I ought to have known better from the start, than to trust "lying John Pope" as some used to call him here.

About "that visit" — I don't know — believe I can and shall not leave St Louis, but nurse my medical practice, and plot about Juncus, Calicirbis or Pines.

I have about a dozen more copies of your paper for you and also sheets of Transactions you wish — how send? — Your bill will be $5.00.

Is the "Southern Herbarium" said in Snake! That Ginkgo biloba is another name for Salisburia adiantifolia a curious Coniferous tree with plum like berries.

I was pleased with your botanical artist and his sketch. I return it.

It is very good as to the habit of the plant.

But it is evident that he must study Botany and especially the laws of ramification, axillary production, phyllotaxis, aestivation etc — without a knowledge of these no artist can draw well a plant. He must be botanist enough to distinguish the accidental from the essential and to pronounce this last often more than nature seems to do. — I hope he will continue and you will encourage and instruct him.

But before he draws from dried plants he must be first well skilled in living ones, so as to be able to replace the pressed and distorted parts in their natural position.

Schott has written me for Georgetown had not got my letters sent to Yucat

I am quite elated with your criticism
or rather eulogy of my Jaeger papers.
Gray writes also very flatteringly
will have a notice in Sill. Journ.!
I hope the field botanists will
be starter now on Jaeger' and help
me and help friends along better
than I can do. I am printing the
balance of the paper now — will be
out in July, they tell me. — That
curious 2-ovaried Jaeger sagaciously
passionately turned up again through the
indefatigable Bolander's exertions
but with a thunderous brother — is
that it must lose the place in my
system. I call it now P. biformis.
Lasey my left leg good — I feel
upset — I have — slept as I am —
to sleep — 100 I believe — the time
we are passing here, in Cincinnati, but I
can't help.

Write soon, specially and give
me a note as to the formation for
publication, the expense soon

Yours truly
G. Engelmann.

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St Louis July 21 1866

Dear Doctor

Whether these vines will reach you yet I do not know but never mind, you will get them in time. George will be at your place about the 8th leave here as you suggest Tuesday or Wednesday; "camp" with you a few days, and if you have nothing better for him, go then up the river. If you can make out for him something else, so much better.

Lastly I send you one fruit and a few seeds of passiflora Cœrulea. Strike, together with the sketch, will readily identify the plant.

It looks like a slender, rather compact P. Tenuis; the fruit rather larger than calyx & darker than P. Tenuis. Seeds with

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Dr Engelmann July 31st/69

constantly; and when not in fruit, readily distinguished by the terete ~~stem~~ lightly channeled leaves.

In haste yours,

G. E.

You have, I suppose, the exact locality of Vasey from Vasey himself and also the kind of soil it grows

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April 21

Those ♂ macrocarpa are a fraud! Just as Colorado is, you know! Not a grain of Pollen in the empty anthers!

I am now on another tack in regard to Quercus. The young, just-unfolding leaves of many of the entire-leaved species are either flat from the earliest developement (and I believe G. Chrysolepis belongs here) or they are folded or rolled back

Now time for Quercus is coming, I suppose now. Got a letter and a very Adiantum Wilcoxii from Palmer — a few dead leaves and twigs with buds from Vancouver (Dawson) which confirm my theories of G. garryana. With the unfolding leaves!

J. E.

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Dr Engelmann

St Louis July 25 1860

Dear Parry

Yours of July 10th together with the contents has arrived safely — But you do not tell me what I am going to send you, how many copies of transactions, or how many of the Journal paper.

We ought to have a specimen or two of your Pinus Engelmanni and if Thunbergii if you have it to spare, also should you propagate your Rubus rosifolius by layering & bending twigs into the earth, where they root and can next season be cut off from the parent plant.

Yes, Vasey moved south on account of his wife's health and then had the misfortune to loose her.

I am sorry for him, and sorry too that he has left that interesting region.

There are two things in the Journal line, which I want of him; above all there is Green's Passage, the original locality for which, he says, is planted over, but which, I should think, can be found again; and the other, is his Lonicera conjugalis not yet heard in a wild state

large panicle which is intermediate between the true J. nodosus & the other variety. I do not know, whether he recollects the exact locality; but nobody else has found that form. The other lake shore juncus, nodosus, Bullinus & alpinus have been gathered for me by that zealous friend Sigelow.

I wish you would go to Ringwood and hunt those things up, with the directions Josey might or ought to give to you.

I have an idea to send George, she is burning to go from here and see other parts of the country, to you if you are going anywhere and saddle you with him; he may be my representative as I can not leave here; as is a poor representative though, as he has no taste for botany; he likes hunting and begins a little to study ornithology.

She might stay a few days with you always provided your consent and pleasure be so to be — & he might go with you to Ringwood or anywhere else, if you should resolve to go. He will be trouble to you, rather an assistance if you instruct him.

I wish you would let me know at once your mind about this proposition, which, to be sure, taxes your friendship a little.

Sigelow continues to send Stephens and we come to the conclusion that the new red stephens variegatum is only a variety of the old advena. All the apparently so striking characters are variable and I fear that this will show our N. polysepalum also to be a variety.

Your artist must first draw and paint living plants before he attempts dried ones.

I write to day to Gray, she has not written for 2 months.

I see he has noticed my favorite Sillim. found.

Let me hear from you at once.

Yours truly

J. Engelmann

over

I am in a quandary. I just get — a month too late — Lamarkes Spatterrous, a single flower or rather pl. bud — but it comes from Odessa, Ukraine, and is 6 anthers! Can not be the plant I have taken for it; have to alter naming etc.

I am getting Sumac collections from different sides — so Mead's a few days ago — 6 months ago they would have been a help; now they are a bore — & I have nothing but the naming! — well, no matter — I would go to it! The naming is now a comparatively easy matter, as I am quite an fait with the —

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3005 Locust St St Louis April 1st

Dear Parry

Yes, first of April! That Juniper from Nevada has just come, but every one of the 20 or 25 berries I opened has a worm and no seed — first of April!

Yesterday the Abies concolor Engelm came — one package (you in P. card say two) no flowers. What do you have to say about that tree; describe it — it is Watson's A. amabilis — Carlotta who saw Jeanette's N Mex sp recognizes it as a good species. I should like to know more about it — Leaves covered with stomata on both sides — obtuse — I wish to trace it to California, half suspect that the short leaved new species of Yosemite etc (A. magnifica) is the same — but want to see the transition forms. Have never had good cones of my concolor — watch for it in fall

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seed
it will be a good plant to sell.
I enclose leaves of the tree from the big tree grove, Calif. the short cones are from little branches on the California
call it amabilis Dougl but I am sure it never was seen by Douglas on the Columbia nor is it cultivated from his seeds now in England. Do get it at Provo in the fall and tell me all about it: bark, wood, growth, etc. I cannot identify my conolor with grandis

Dry the very the last day – I wrapped you sent me "cones" and opening the letter I got conolouler seeds! Some mistake.

The Juniperus I have had for Salt Lake before, and also Nevada and now Arizona, I thought at first and provisionally named it Utahensis but it may prove a form of another, Californian, species. Seeds large, one, rarely two. Get also plenty of seeds of Juniperus for sale – they are all new to cultivation.

My best regards to Johnson. Shall write soon again have no time now

Yours ever
J Lagelman

Write and send offers!

When does that Juniperus Utahensis (and others) ripen, how is the colour and consistency of the fruit? It seems now full grown, but green yet. does it get purplish-glaucous or blue black like communis and virginiana, when fully matured? "cones" ask! ask! ask!

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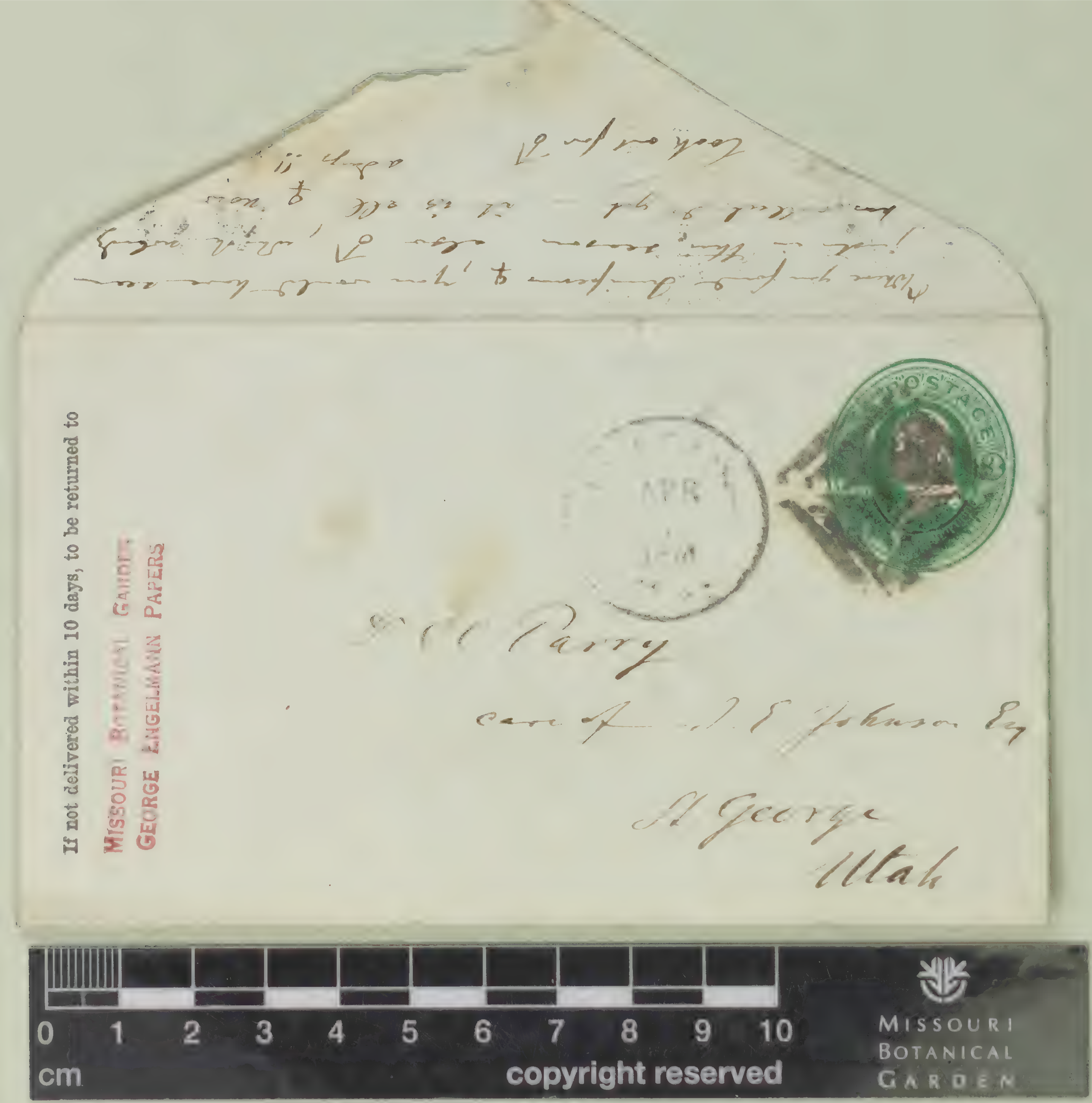

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Dr Engelmann
St Louis Aug 9 1866

Dear Parry

I have dispatched yesterday per steamer Davenport 6 copies of Transactions and a young man aged 19 to your order. I hope both will get to your hands in good order.

What you will do with them I can not guess — must leave it to you.

George intends seeing some of your neighbourhood, and if you should not plan some other expansion, where he may accompany you, he will go to Minnesota and from there perhaps to the Lakes. You will find him active and patient enduring; he would make a good mountain explorer, if you want any such — as he is wanting in the preliminary

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knowledge of Natural History.

Bigelow is a capital fellow hunts up facts with a vengeance and has succeeded in doing the Naples to death! i.e. He has proved that N. Wangenheimii which he discovered last year, is nothing but a form of N. adenoscapa & I fear that N. polyseptalum must go with it. — Whether N. Rafinesquianum can remain is to be seen!! Radical destruction! ives these?!

Yours truly

G. Engelmann

With some

Had a letter from Wright the other day, — nothing particular

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Dr Engelmann
St Louis Aug 19 1866

My dear Parry

We arrived safely as per program between 11 & 12 at home, last night George bore the trip remarkably well and I believe is stronger now, than when we left ~~home~~ you. Give our love and respects to your kind neighbors the Henry's and Mr Walker, and do not forget yourself and your good sister.

On the way exaggerated rumors of Cholera were floating on the air in the cars, and when I came to enquire this morning I found that they were not so exaggerated either! the disease had taken right hold from the time I left till yesterday, when I received relief, it seems, that it materially abated, and physicians tell me that to day they do not pay more than

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half as many visits as three days ago, while we were quietly and unconsciously strolling about the island and gathering Malvastrum angustum and no fancies

Mal. angustum Gray Pl. Fendl p. 22 note Sida hispida Pursh? Hook Jour Bot! I have not seen it from Georgia — Shewn Drummond & Red River Nuttall. "Calyce post anthesin ampliato &c. — — — ammum!"

What does your Post office blunder? I am afraid you have a new Copperhead Postmaster! Only think, your letter of Aug 11th only arrived at my departure for here, though the envelope is stamped Aug 11 while Georgie's of the 12th came before I left! I can now understand some of your remarks and expressions, which were rather obscure at the time! You of course thought I had received your letter of which I knew nothing — So at the glacier, the notion of wintering in Denver St. etc. —

When we arrived before my house a man was ringing the bell and two more came during the night, and today I am so busy seeing patients, consulting etc etc that I feel quite myself again, and up to any exertion — no fatigue etc — in one word quite like a soldier in the heat of battle — i.e. suppose! for I do not know that feeling from my own experience! ——

I also find a letter from Engelm — with pressing — — guess — you will find the name on the next page — just to puzzle you a little! He says that it is now quite out of season has shed its seeds — So dont trouble yourself about it — we know where to get it next year, i.e. if our old friend is still stationed at Detroit or in this nether world of rushes and Malvaceae!

Excuse my haste, the buggy is again at the door, and I must be off — profuse Hamilton — we are called on now lowly to check these precursors and in that way no doubt are able to prevent severe cases.

Write soon!

Yours ever faithfully

J. Engelmann

I have not examined those specimens of Prof. Hedrick's Ukeagi, Bigelow's, but should not be too much astonished if he would again bother out his Secretia, and prove it to be nothing but Geum!! — Those faithful new discoveries!! — They ought let Gunning alone for 5 or 10 years and then if they chose, try to accommodate my authority! But there is that moral, Fowlander, in this here case that Joshua Bigelow too Bot also ought to be stuck in the swamps, at least for one week, so that nothing could come from them again — — at least this season.

S. C.

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Dr Engelmann

St Louis Sept 1 1866

Dear Parry

Now, please, don't let this winter pass without overhauling your whole herbarium and labelling every specimen, and do now what you ought to have done years and years ago! —

Why did you not send me the names of those three Juncus' or still better, their heads for me to name —.

Don't forget to send gathers ripe seeds of that Juncus Malacostrum; also of your Adlumia, for me. I shall we'd also consider it, no doubt, a great thing, if you would give me some seed.

Juncus Gerardi is a seaside plant and comes up the great Lakes like Cakile, Lathyrus maritimus, Elymus and others — and will no doubt be found on other places along the Lakes. I'd 1.. for Detroit is the only locality known. Oh Examiner! when I find that Digitalis gets

with "Greenii" & "Torreyi", but both keep distinct; so there is no "Eureka!" this time, and we will spare his life.

Another one who ought to be silenced, annihilated, for his unwitting war on comfortable closet botanists and their doings is Bolander. This time it goes against our old friend Torrey; for the big tree region of Mariposa he sends a pinnous which is Torrey's, I conjecture, but ought to bear the name of brevistylis! an odd thing, but cannot be separated, I believe, from the former.

I am anxious to get his specimens for the high mountains, when we were going along!!

After keeping George here for a week and fattening him up we have left him at [illegible] station. [illegible] within call! (20 or 30 miles)

We are very well, though I have been very busy for a time. Cholera was very severe for two weeks, the one I was absent and the next one, but is gradually abating; so that I am not half as busy now than a week ago.

I hope that Dr Baker will not have much occasion to study it much, or he may come here for it, where I can show him "exquisite cases".

Some time ago I got the enclosed letter, which I had "more sense" entirely neglected; and have just answered it as best I could, but should like to have some information from you as to route by Denver or by Laramie to Salt Lake and thence to Nevada. Also as to manner of travelling, expense, time and so on. Write on a separate sheet, which I can enclose to him.

Travelling with an emigrant train next May will probably be the thing for him. What his outfit? &c. He seems to be a steady

of Medicine, food of Botany and
ought to be encouraged and assisted.

Give our respects to Mrs Barry
& to our friends in Damp[illegible].
I hope the Botany will not be an
approach to a sprinkle lime.
as we do to amuse boys & make people believe that a heap is done in a sanitary way.

We had a heavy rain yesterday
days 31 & 4-1 p.m. 3,23 inches
that I'd merely give the cleanliness of
the city than 1000 scavengers, in
a month could accomplish. —
Now, I pray, it is beginning to
thunder & rain again. How will it
go?

Ever truly yours,

J. Engelmann.

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St Louis Sept 13 1866

Dear Parry

Thanks for the information per Sherman, which I have forwarded. In return, as I have little time to write myself I will send Bigelow's notes. You will see the old boy is full of enthusiasm, fuss and Eureka! The discovery of J. Wesley & Greene's was very interesting indeed. You may prepare for single combat with him, but I would suggest some fuss as a better weapon.

I repeat to you the "must" and will keep poking it into you!

The dry season has suddenly changed since Aug 31 and we have had frequent and heavy rains — since — and now, 9 p.m. heavy thunder & rain. Children abating but not yet entirely gone. 30-40 scattered daily.

Respects to Mrs Parry — & the other friends

Yours truly

G. Engelmann.

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Dr. Engelmann

St Louis Dec 5 1866

My Dear Doctor

I am glad you have turned up again — thought you was lost.

I write today only to inform you that I have in due time received your long communication, and will soon enlighten it more fully. — The list of plants you might especially have made much more complete.

Glad to hear that you are on the look out for another year's expedition.

You should improve the opportunity your "rich friend" provides!

Or if hard times do not come and you can sell your house, paperbirch and all, well, we may meet in Europe next fall or 1868.

As to leisure — no! and no! typhoid fever and diphtheria etc etc keep me as busy as I have been.

Dr Engelmann has sent me an immense lot of valuable contributions to Herbarium normale, but his

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taste does not keep pace with his zeal; his specimens are mostly coarse and poorly prepared — often 2 feet long. Ravenel has also sent some things, but his specimens are also not standard ones; our Philadelphia friends do much better.

Enough! I write only to let you know that I am all right!

Yours truly

G. Engelmann

Phoh! now cut — get! I shall have a quarrel with some old folks, who don't want to die before they get it! especially musty old Sartwell.

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Dr Parry

Among your seeds is one, marked "Maguey, Agave" from N.W. Arizona. I have added, no doubt from your verbal notes: scape 6–8 feet high; leaves 6 inches long 2–2½ inches wide: — I have many questions to ask: thickness of scape?

Arrangement of inflorescence? similar to that of large common Maguey, A. American? with horizontal branches, which are again branched and bear many erect flowers on each branchlet?

size of flower? (I suppose you obtained dead remnants of flowers)

Size and shape of capsule?

Is there any trunk, or are the leaves "radical" [a word which is getting into very bad repute, but we will keep it up in Botany]

Are the leaves similar to A. American i.e. stiff-juicy, with terminal and marginal spines or how? — —

Among your seeds is also one of a Yucca — large, but very thin. From "Central Arizona" What is your recollection of the plant? Has it a stem or trunk? tall? simple or branched? leaves stiff — or flaccid — with entire, serrulate or filamentose margin?

I may have other questions to ask, for you know; never too proud to ask questions! but this will do for this day.

I would, in reference to the above Agave, ask whether you are acquainted or whether you recollect the plant described by

Torrey in the Boundary report as "Agave Lechuguilla". The leaves are about the size you describe the above, with strong recurved dark spines on the edges, the scape however is lower, and bears if I recollect right a simple spike of flowers. — I see the plant here in Berlin, and it has been described as Agave Poselgeri — an older name! — I believe it is figured in the boundary report on several of the sketches representing the boundary scenery. — Is yours the same or different? If the same, the poor thing will go under 3 names, as your seeds will germinate here and in other places under the name of Agave Parryi! —

Berlin June 18'. J. E.

Dear Parry —

I have nothing from America — no letters from any where (except one from my brother the other day) so that I have no answers for anybody. What has become of you? Write a line, addressed to the care of Mr Julius Engelmann, Frankfort O/M and the above will show you that I have not forgotten to "ask questions" Our respects to Madam

Yours truly

G. Engelmann

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Kreuznach April 23d 1869

Rec'd May 12th
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Dear Parry

Your letter of April 1st reached me a day or two ago — You are one friend at least who has not forgot me — and who has not been kept from writing though a former letter has remained unanswered.

Your letter of Nov 17 was received in Naples Dec 15 and — (probably — at least it was my attention) would have been answered, sooner, had I known where to address you.

So you are settled in Washington now! Are you not afraid that the general corruption might not affect you? The court-influence is so dangerous! Be careful of your morals!

Well you want to know what has become of us since I rambled with the marmots and chamois on the edge of eternal winter. After I wrote to you we had only one other serious mountain ascension, and quite a severe one, on Mount Pilatus near Lucerne, but were rewarded by the most splendid sunset and sunrise. We then went to Zurich where George, coming from Berlin, met us and together travelled to southeastern Switzerland, but the splendid weather of the foregoing weeks changed into rain fog and occasionally snow so that we were obliged to give up the Alps; a few juncos, trigleuns and ~~[illegible]~~ arctices among them were among the interesting botanical collection

Rambling Eye

made on that trip.

We turned to Italy but were woefully disappointed in the hope of sunny skies etc etc; the change was from drizzle and fog to pouring rains and thundering torrents; the floods drove us from the alps to the lakes, from the lakes to the coast, from Genoa to Florence, where after a few days George left us for Berlin. — In Florence I worked at Parlatore's and found his Coniferæ in Hl. Bod. were quite unsatisfactory — Bolander's Riddle, Pinus Balfouriana, I made out to be the deformed form of our P. aristata.

Florence to Rome, Rome to Naples, where Vesuvius gave an exhibition for us. Worked principally at Cactaceæ there and Coniferæ — Had till middle of January back to Rome, there another month — Winter one week, but rather sharp, was to injure Cactaceæ and Oranges — then, with the beginning of February Spring at once! — Delightful, splendid trip along the coast from Rome to Pisa, Genoa, Nizza, Marseilles, Montpellier — and there entering civilization again, to Paris — 5 weeks there — Boy far too short — and now with my friends here. — Shall be here on the Rhine and in Frankfort for another month — then to Berlin again, and back to Grant's Land in the fall.

Now, here, you have a sketch of what I have done, where I have been roaming about, and what I intend to do. By the time I come back, the Bot. Ad will be finished and if it be not already too much decayed may jump Rhoads and alight on the other side, at the jumping off place!

But you, you are now settled down at Washington!

I had a letter from Guy from Egypt some time in winter, he ought to be in Italy now, but I do not hear from him, don't know what may have become of him.

I learnt from him that Mann was dead and everything in Cambridge "at loose ends" Wright probably to take care of things there. But I do not know whether he is really there or with the fighting men in Cuba — I owe him a letter, but do not know where to address. — From Bolander I hear nothing at all, he has not written to me since Dec. months, which is very disagreable, as he then ordered a microscope, and was to give me definite orders. Do you know anything about him?

Tell me all you know about the Botanists, and especially about our friends all. Who is in Washington? Dabb, I believe, has left — I do not know whether he got my bot. norm. addressed to him. Old Peck — what has become of him? — Thurber, is he doing anything? and Torrey? — Dr Robbins has not informed me of the receipt of his set. How are they in the West, Bigelow — Hall

The latter's name is well known in Europe through his collections of Illinois and if Rocky Mt Plants — and people were astonished to learn from me that he was a plain farmer. — Canby also sends many plants to Europe; somebody told me that he went to Florida this spring.

Then about the others — let me know all you know. Are they doing anything for my grape studies? —

The sets of Herb. Jurc. norm. I have sent to Germany and to France and Switzerland seem to have all arrived safely, though late in the fall through the Smithsonian. but 3 sets, sent to Notaris in Genoa, Parlatore in Florence and Cesati in Vercelli (now in Naples) have not been received; Auguste Bossange in Paris, the Smithsonian Agent never got them — thinks there must be an other agent in Italy. at all events they have not reached their destination. —

Nor has a large box with Bison and deer skulls arrived in Berlin which I last April, just a year ago, sent to the Smithsonian for forwarding.

Please enquire about these things at once, so that they may be hunted up and forwarded if still in Washington or traced, if in Europe.

You are a friend at Court, and such you know must be used as far as as much as possible.

How did you like your paper in St Louis Transactions? I have not seen the number of last May yet. was it correctly printed?

You hope that we were not annoyed by fashionable gazers, as we were on Lake George — How mistaken you are — All Switzerland is for July & October only one great public park, with Hotels and refreshment rooms, full of visitors, most prominent and most disagreeable among whom are those blue veiled straw hat-ted cockney fellows, mouthing the English language to make the cars ache and the waiters grin — in short, the cockneys and their dames, — Switzerland and Italy is full of them; the Americans are also abundant. On the whole we avoided fashionable hotels and were the better for it in purse and comfort. — Americans too are often — not by any means all of them — right disagreable fellows and rubbish, and Cadies and wives in carriages with a number on (backs) must have liveried footmen etc. Guess the world is a like every where, only a little more so in some places — (wouldn't such a phrase do for some of our presidents, Taylor or Lincoln — how does Grant come out? But I ought not ask such slippery questions of an office-holder!

The account of Longs Peak, of which you give an account I accidentally learned from a slip of the St Louis Republican, sent me.

In your position you may perhaps aid Boladeau in his endeavors to sell seeds and bulbs — has he sent and disposed of his P. Torreyi? —

I did not exactly rap Parlatore over the knuckles, but he saw that I did not like his work, — by the way he has left out altogether my Pinus macrophylla (Orizaba Rep.) and P. Balfouriana — perhaps much on the principle Gray sometimes expresses; I skip over that — I am not obliged to know every thing! etc. —

Parlatore's view (the old Linnean) of the inflorescence, fruit etc, of Coniferae is condemned every where. — this Pinus Boladeui is a bolander

But I was amused at the suggestion of a Botanist, that ~~that~~ large number of species in California must be a mistak-

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a splitting of some species into many nominal ones — I told him gravely, that California was a great country, the greatest country and that it produced not only gold and wheat and wine, but also the biggest trees and the largest number of Conifers, species, genera and individuals — Now, Bolander may help me out, if I told a . . . .

Agaves thrive beautifully in Naples — Americans and others — and I have found men there as foolish fond of them as I can possibly be of Junos or Cacti. A Parryi has germinated well — but I want it in the south, where it will thrive better; I have seen several species in flower or fruit and have studied them.

Yuccas are also common in cultivation in Italy — France; in Naples large trees 25 feet high — (Y. aloifolia with pulpy fruit) branched etc —

Y. Draconis still higher, but simple

Y. angustifolia not seen, ought to be introduced

Y. filamentosa rare and makes no fruit — people dont know that it has dry, opening, capsules.

Y. gloriosa common —

Yuccas from U S or Mex — call: v. which I do not know — these Arizona ones are not known. yours, if not named, ought to bear the name Y. brevifolia. —

Yucca and Agave are peculiar to Southern parts of N. Am: & Mexico.

Right! Keep a pigeon hole, but a big enough one, for me and tell that t. Palmer, and remember me to him.

The nice little Mammillaria Palmeri from the Colo is growing pretty well — [illegible] Palmer [illegible] Mrs Gray [illegible]

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put in any good thing, which they have not "gobbled up" they means of course Dr G. I promise to exchange — will give the Smithsonian Collection more than they can give me, but want equivalents.

Running over your letter I put down incoherent answers. Gray said in writing that he would summer in Germany and be back in Winter in U S, but dislikes winter voyage for Mrs G. who does not seem over well and strong though better; thinks he must go home to see to things in Cambridge. I advised him not to travel in winter —

That Brussels Carpet seems to tickle you mightily; hope you will keep it clean and free of dust.

Yes I did treat Haydin badly — but — but — there are so many bads and buts in the world —

Hope that Palmer will do well; he is a jealous fellow — but must be schooled — his cactus seeds were all unripe, and do not germinate — must get good ones — and by the way — that Opuntia you sent is O. acanthocarpa to judge from the peculiar seeds — but unfortunately not better than Palmer's — unripe — wont germinate.

My Cactus goal was at fever heat in Paris, where with my friend of the French Mexican expedition Dr Weber I conferred a good deal — a little too much for my wifes comfort and wishes. He saw and observed a good deal in Mexico, and as he bought my Boundary Cacti and had them sent to Mexico, carried

them in Camp with him among the Greasers, I can not but love and esteem him! So the world goes! — I must get Cactus seeds for him and the Paris people. — My Cereus pacaniensis, which none of you found in flower, was raised from Wright's seeds and flowered in Paris. They have a way to graft these plants and make them thus grow more vigorously, faster and flower more readily.

Write to Palmer for Cactus & Yucca and Agave seeds — but tell him seeds don't germinate unless ripe — tell that to a certain Dr Parry also.

Dear you must not be afraid of me — I will not criticize nor scold — but do nothing but admire yourself, your pigeon holes and especially your Brussels carpet! — the Queen Baroness of the plants, King, party collects. How we shave in Vassey — Poor Palmer with his blind zeal in the man! We must keep him warm!

Good show that letter to any one — I am afraid I offend people in writing by — you two!

Hearty greeting to Schott — Hope to pay you all a flying visit next October — Keep ready for me — we will have a nice time of it.

And now farewell — write soon and I will answer — chirography or no chirography — I write my letters without any — and you write very little — good for old Mrs — What's her name — Partington?

My wife & George chime in love with me & their love —

Yours ever Engel

Dr Parry

Dr Schott

Dr Palmer

Dr Wright

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Engelmann

New Sept 16 1869

My dear Parry

I feel as if I should put Cambridge at the head of this instead of Kew — for I write at our friend Gray's table, just after the tea things are removed and your letter has been read. — So you are to be in St Louis day after to-morrow! Pity, I can not be there and receive you in my new home, introduce you to the new herbarium, the Pinetum in the yard, the Caretaker (pardon the word) in the parlor etc — well next year — as St Louis has become a halfway house between the howling (it does howl just now) Atlantic and the s.no capped etc etc — But stop badinage, for I have to write on more serious matters, have not even time to excuse or explain my long silence — I can assure you that your letter has travelled with me through half of Europe, to be attended to and answered, but the good time has not yet come. And now it must be skippped, to write about the important questions you now broach in your letter to Gray.

I have been looking round a good deal for microscopes and examined into the matter pretty thoroughly. By far the

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cheapest and among the best that are made now, are by Gundlach of Berlin. I had a cheap one made for George, costing 38 Thalers (= same amount in Greenbacks), and added since a more powerful (about 800 magnifying power) objective system with immersion for 12 Thalers. — Such an instrument, even without the latter would, I should think be quite sufficient for you; but if the Department, that is, we all of us good and "loyal" i.e. tax paying citizens, is to pay you ought to get a complete first class instrument such as Nachet used to sell for 320 and such Gundlach now makes for 180 Thalers.

Bolander wanted one promising to see that I should get the money for it. I ordered it conditionally; it was to be finished now (middle of this month), but here I get a letter, that the money was not forthcoming, and I had to write to Gundlach to stop work on the instrument or sell it to somebody else.

If I had known of your wishes 4 weeks sooner I could have turned it over to you and saved trouble and bad feeling all around. — But if sold, Gundlach would make another one and it would be sent through our Minister Bancroft to Washington. He promises to finish one in 3 months — is always overwhelmed with work, and never keeps any thing on hand.

The Instrument is a complete one, highest powers, clearest definition, all the appurtenances, drawing apparatus, polarizing etc etc. probably much more than you would care to have. I felt an almost irresistible inclination to put myself in Bolander's place, and buy the nice toy — but as I have a pretty good one already, it would be too — foolish

At any rate you can throw me and my Berlin friends and finally Bancroft get whatever you want in that line; in about 3 or 4 months.

I am here since 2 weeks alone, wife and son were with me in London and on a flying visit to Scotland, 2 weeks, are now on the Rhine, where I expect to go in 3 or 4 days and then embark Octob 9 — to be either drowned or burned or both, if not landed safely in New York about Oct 22 or 23 — I expect to find letters there for you if not scalped or frozen up on top of Grays peak, write to Thurber or Torrey for me. Till then good bye

yours

G R

Dear Parry, I put pen in E's hand and made him write: good for you! Thanks for your pleasant letter, & the "scraps" enclosed. E, talking with Mrs. G, shakes the table so that I cannot write plain. He tells you best what to do about microscope. Nothing of the sort cheap in England.

As to botanical books, I should not dare to buy unless you tell me what is wanted. As to second hand books I have never had a bit of time to look for them. And generally I do best by ordering from booksellers' catalogues. I was very little in Germany, where books are best bought, neither want to Berlin nor to Vienna. I am delighted at what you write of good Dr. Torrey. I will write to him immediately. I hope to share in the things Dr. Palmer is sending. Share all the flowers of Cuscuta are wanted. I hope Dr. P. has got them.

Mrs. Gray joins best regards. I am now at work — very hard, the time is so short; but Dr. E. & I are going down to Dorchester to-morrow — a day's work — to see the Cuniform.

Ever, dear Parry, Yours aff'y

Asa Gray

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Philadelphia 26 Oct 69

Dear Parry

if this finds you in W. you will learn by it of my arrival here — We arrived Friday after a most agreeable trip and spent two days in N York — saw Torrey and Thurber, passed a glorious Sunday in Central Park — when Torrey was not to be had — thought of our visit there 18 months ago — and are now here to stay at least till Friday, perhaps till Sunday night.

Have you been in Colorado? brought Conifers? Cactæ? E. Simpson's the great desire of Cactophili in Europe.

We have to talk a great deal of about Conifers; I studied them in Europe coll.

You may grumble at my laziness in writing or not writing, but I am not at any unwillingness to serve you or the interests of science —

You got my letter from Kew. Well, soon after I left there, Gray got yours about $300, microscope and books, worth to me at Berlin, including yours; ~~for~~ reached me just a day before starting down Rhine in hard rain, magnificent distances like those of your Capitol, so I sold the Microscope, originally destined for Berlin cut down from 180 to 140 Thalers = $100 —

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Gold, and then the Books, Telegram etc, and everything will be in your hands before the end of November, I expect.

Books to be sent through the Smithsonian Microscope as Gray may direct, through Bancroft or Duelly by Hamburg Steamers as soon as done.

The Microscope is very complete and very cheap. All that is wanting of the one originally ordered for Bolander is the highest Power Objective (it goes only to 1200 linear magnif. power, which is more than you want) and the moveable stage, moveable by micrometer screws — but it has besides the essential parts, the polarizer and the designing apparatus (Camera) and the new arrangement of a revolver! Don't start! It is an apparatus which I have long desired, and found realized there — several objectives are screwed into it and after examining your object with low power, you just turn on a higher one, adjust focus and continue your examination, thus leaving your object untouched and unremoved. —

I have added a double lens on a stand, to use instead of the Coddington and more convenient.

If in W. come over here — or if that don't suit write at once to the Continental House, room 35.

You will probably have a letter from Gray about all these things

My wife joins me in the warmest wishes for Ellen, Darwin and yourself

Ever yours

J. Engelmann

Engelmann

St Louis Nov 21 1869

My dear Parry

Here is your letter of the 3d before me! That you did not consider it worth while to wait for a day longer, is a shame and ought to be sufficient reason to cut you completely and at once! — Well — I won't! But more than that, My letter of Oct 25, from Philadelphia is in your hands and you do not answer it, though it contains matter enough for enquiry and remark. Or did you not get it?

I won't enter into its contents now again. Perhaps the Microscope is already in your hands. I had requested the maker to add as complete a direction for the use of the different apparatuses as possible, but as that is in German I suppose, I will have to translate and explain, not that you might not find many a man in Washington to translate, sworn and unsworn interpreters, but as I have conversed with the maker a good deal and know his views etc, I might explain better. You will be pleased with the instrument, which is of great power and clearness, definition as they call it — and will probably order next year the remaining parts for 40 Thalers more — a more powerful objective system and a Stage, movable by micro-

micro screws, though they are not of such paramount importance.

The "revolver" is a very excellent invention, which I have long wished for, very useful, when you want to examine an object in general, with weaker powers and then in detail with a stronger one.

Have a glass bell over your instrument? it will be a scientific ornament and ~~protect~~ the Brussels carpet well, as I don't get the Cutter I could not pretend to claim the former. Hurrah for office holders, carpet, and all!

This brings to mind another matter. My old jealous but not exactly very profound friend Peck was ousted in your department (am I right?) last year; perhaps you have got the place he filled? In fact I wondered how he ever got into that place, which he perhaps was not able to fill.

Now I find among a number of letters which accumulated here several from him and friends of his complaining of injustice, persecution etc etc. It may be a little cowardice, which makes me thankful that I did not get those letters at the time; I could not have done him any good and would perhaps only have had to offer empty words.

He is an honest, well meaning poor fellow and very jealous, ~~and~~ I should like to know where he now is, if you can find out, and whether any thing can be done for him.

Connected with that I should like to get a little confidential information of how things are carried on in your great city — One of the letters says that Peck, Dr Erni and Charles Darrow have been most shamefully treated that Peck was removed to make room to a rebel from Maryland, that Capron is a disguised copperhead, that Dr Antisel, "a fossil", had his hands in it etc etc — Can you give me an unwarrished and unreserved commentary to all that? Of course all confidential.

If I can learn of Peck's whereabouts I shall write to him, if course in a general way — I have told you above, what I think of him.

We are here since Nov 3, 8 p.m. must have crossed one another a few miles from here! We are still in the hotel, but hope to move into the big wigwam which will also have ample room for botanical friends and their wives (entire that!) end of this week — i.e. into a naked scarcely furnished room or two; but I long to get to work again.

I wish you had also bought Elkin. Simpson, which the Cantes friends in Europe seem very anxious to obtain. O. utilis which is most probably only a form of Macromicrosis will be very welcome.

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You say, you expect long letters! Oh, for the present I do not write any, and this is (with the exception of one to George) the first epistolary effort since I am here! Don't feel like it; this being nothing but looking after mechanics and then pricing furniture, carpets (no brussels!) &c &c and seeing here & there a forlorn patient, don't suit me at all. You must then excuse this rambling letter — by and by I shall perhaps do better, as people do persist in telling me that I have become rejuvenated.

Last news from Gray I got in Southampton on Board — saying he would make good my notes given in Berlin for Books & Newspapers — He must now be in New York or Cambridge, hope he got in before those stormy — was to sail Nov 9th —

I saw Tommy* the same amiable kind hearted Gentlemanly old man with same forgetfulness — saw also Thurber she seemed to me improved — stayed in Philadelphia some days and saw friends there, those that had gone on a spree to California (as Cauby & others) Now good bye if you want more from me, you will have to ask for it

Ever yours G. Eaglen

*Saw not much of him, because my engagements kept me in the house almost entirely.

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St Louis Dec 12 1869

Dear Parry Engelmann

your letters and the different packages (Opuntia, Acanthopsis? and Pines) came all to hand in due time, and as the last letter (rec^d Dec 7th) requested an immediate answer, you may justly blame me for delay.

But hear my explanation. You want me to do the Pines and Oaks for a work about which I know nothing. What is that work, its form, object, etc — What the scientific knowledge to be exhibited and detailed?

My draftsman, Roetter, is now with Agassiz in Cambridge and inaccessible to me; I have made search for another one, but thus far without satisfactory result. At all events, even if I should succeed in finding one, he, not being a botanist would have to be educated by me — a very laborious task — which in Roetter's case only unbounded zeal and interest in the newborn Cactus excitement could aid me to overcome. — I used to pay Roetter from 10 to 15 dollars for his

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fine drawings.

So, for the present, I must wait for further orders from you. The specimen of P. edulis is very fine, that of Contortus less so. — I have drawings of P. Engelmanii made by Rother at the time and under my eye — if I mistake not, I have given them to Thurber as a loan, two years ago, and have forgot now ~~also~~ to reclaim them from him, when I met him in New York.

The second copy of Pitzer's addition was my own, and considered as a fee for my services in Berlin — please send it — What you want in return may be sent by our Academy.

I did not know about the difficulty in regard to the microscope — but hope you have got it now. Included you find Gundlach's Price-Courant.

"Diffusion of Knowledge for private purposes" is that your or Henry's phrase? at all events I should like to have this explained! And is the Agricult. Bur. private? or a "private purpose" — All our pursuits are private but tend to scientific progress and thus to public benefit! Cork!!

You will have to go under the name of "Maryland rebel" henceforth! — Poor Perry, a Maryland rebel — and in the same breath your chief is classed as a secret or disguised copperhead. — Such terms seem to be the slang of Washington office seekers and office holders and ex off. h. — But I must say, they do not occur in "poor Peck's" letter — though in some other indignant person's expectoration.

You forgot to tell me where to address Peck — I shall certainly write to him, and you will have to be good friends; though he is a little conceited about his little botanical information. — That Catalogue I got at the time and was sufficiently shocked by it.

You have not answered my questions about these different persons and the "Jesuit" Satisell and his cumulation of office.

You need keep me posted about matters at Court! What use to have an old friend there, if he will not make himself agreeable and useful! Austin, Cooley

Heard of Bigelow, Hall and Bebb also a line from Gray.

We are still in the midst of disorder, not yet unpacked not yet fixed in any way,

therefore uncomfortable, disturbing, growling, savage, useless, disagreeable unapproachable in spring do not come on a visit just now! But by all means in a few months!

Elbow room and large tables I will have and hope to enjoy it. —

If I said "we" above, please put the singular. I do not include my good wife in that extorted confession.

Pray do not talk of "western lumbago" and such mean phrases — or, if there be any flashes, they might strike you!

Wife sends best regards to you and your lady

Very truly yours

G. Engelmann

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"Write instanter" i.e.: in modern phraseology not later than 5 days after receipt of this!

Bolander disappointed? he dont answer my letter.
But I neglected to say: instanter:

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